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1. ☒ Preliminary Statements.
2. ☒ Time of Filing.
3. ☒ FORMS PTO/SB08a and 08B (formerly FORM PTO 1449).
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need to be Submitted.
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications.
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement.
7. ☐ Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents.
8. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement.

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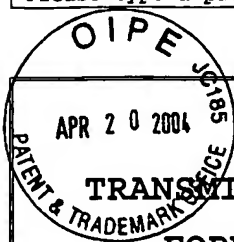
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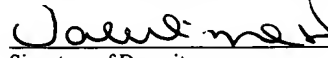


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FIRST OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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1. Preliminary Statements

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications and other information of which he is aware which he believes may possibly be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR § 1.197(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, (37 CFR § 1.97(h) or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

If documents are disclosed that, based on date of publication, may not be prior art to the applicant, then such publications are merely offered for consideration with respect to the state of development of the art, and shall in no way be considered as admissions against interest in any manner.

2. Time of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of filing. 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1).

3. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO 1449)

See attached PTO Form SB-08A - Citation in Application.

4. Identification of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need to be Submitted.

- ☐ This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application _____, filed on _____.
- ☐ This application also relies, under 35 USC sec 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application _____, filed on _____.
- ☐ Therefore, references which were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) are not required to be provided in this application, in accord with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (d).

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5. Cumulative Patents or Publications

☐ Statement

_____ is cumulative of the following patents or publications listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly PTO-1449).

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(c), a copy of only _____ is being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO 1449) accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Exceptions to the above:

☐ Items which were disclosed in the prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4; such items not submitted are marked by an "*" asterik on PTO Form SB/08A (formerly PTO Form 1449).

☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

7. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents

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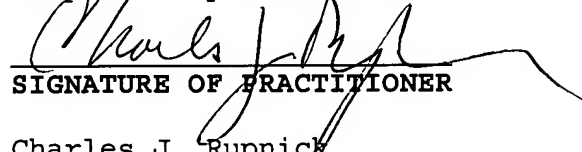
8. Identification of Person(s) Making This INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventors and information in the practitioner's file, all of which have been reviewed by the practitioner.

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		698511	04/29/1902	Jones	
		1211246	01/02/1917	Schwartz	
		1469764	10/02/1923	Crisenberry	
		1484621	02/26/1924	Bond, et al	
		1526313	02/17/1925	Blakeslee	
		1755754	04/22/1930	Wappler, et al	
		1766668	06/24/1930	Miller	
		1971096	08/21/1934	De Laney	
		2064619	12/15/1936	Leonard, et al	
		2204654	06/18/1940	Booty	
		2551394	05/01/1951	Ralston	
		2576766	11/27/1951	Sokolik	
		2931359	04/05/1960	Knoch	
		2955596	10/11/1960	Knoch	
		3478743	11/18/1969	Ericson	
		3635218	01/18/1972	Ericson	
		3699964	10/24/1972	Ericson	
		3780736	12/25/1973	Chen	
		3892226	07/01/1975	Rosen	
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		4122853	10/31/1978	Smith	
		4146019	03/27/1979	Bass, et al	
		4221225	09/09/1980	Sloan	
		4282873	08/11/1981	Roth	
		4318403	03/09/1982	Sneider	
		4386607	06/07/1983	Miller	
		4636203	01/13/1987	Emanis, et al	
		4645486	02/24/1987	Beal, et al	
		4650461	03/17/1987	Woods	
		4676777	06/30/1987	Watts	
		4709705	12/01/1987	Truglio	
		4758220	07/19/1988	Sundblom, et al	
		4788060	11/29/1988	Endicott, et al	
		4806101	02/21/1989	Rossi	
		4880408	11/14/1989	Cumes, et al	
		5009635	04/23/1991	Scarberry	
		5318548	06/07/1994	Filshie	
		5322070	06/21/1994	Goodman, et al	
		5405319	04/11/1995	Abell, et al	
		5421824	06/06/1995	Clement, et al	
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